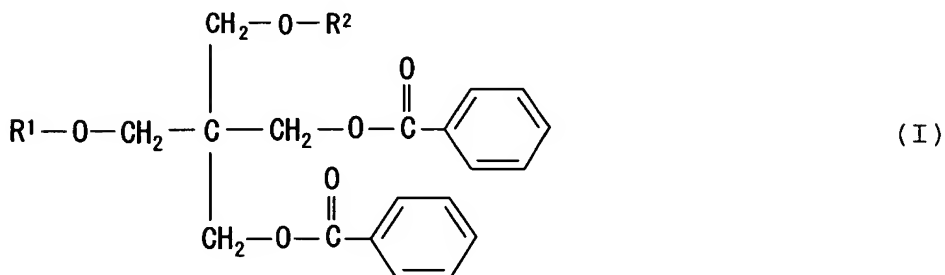


CLAIMS

1. A cosmetic composition comprising:
an ester of pentaerythritol and a benzoic
acid having the formula (I):



wherein R^1 and R^2 independently indicate a hydrogen atom
or a linear or branched fatty acid residue having 1 to 24
carbon atoms or a benzoic acid residue and

- 15 a cosmetically acceptable carrier.

2. A cosmetic composition as claimed in claim 1,
wherein R^1 of the ester of pentaerythritol and benzoic
acid of said formula (I) is a 2-ethylhexanoic acid
residue and R^2 is a benzoic acid residue.

20 3. A cosmetic composition as claimed in claim 1,
wherein the amount blended of the ester of
pentaerythritol and benzoic acid of formula (I) is 5 to
80% by mass.

25 4. A cosmetic composition as claimed in any one of
claims 1 to 3, wherein the cosmetic composition is a
lipstick.